STITCHES

Chapter I

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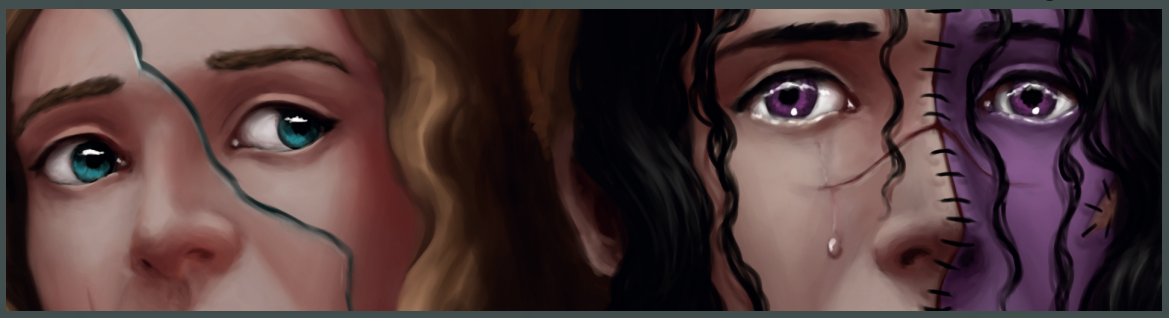
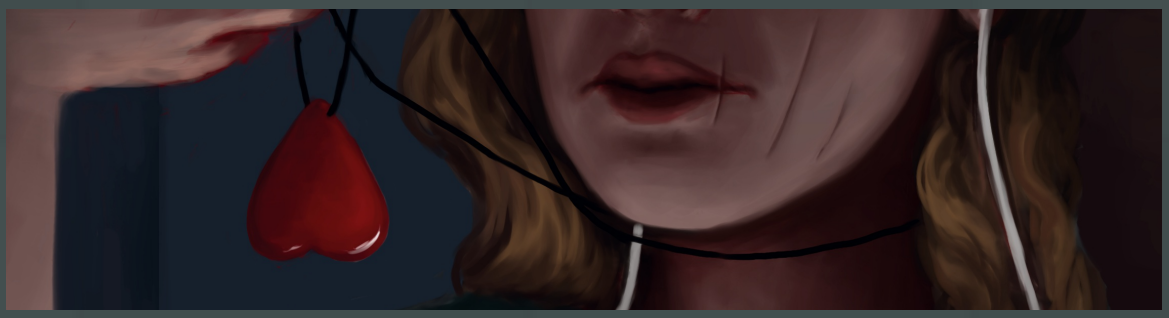
Stitches, Chapter I:

Following the sudden death of a family member of one of their donors, Sunshine, the Frankensteinian monster inherits the responsibility for solving the series of tasks following a person's passing. On their journey they are accompanied by Willow, their found sibling, in order for the two of them to face the trials of the unusual adventure together.



The 13-page sample:

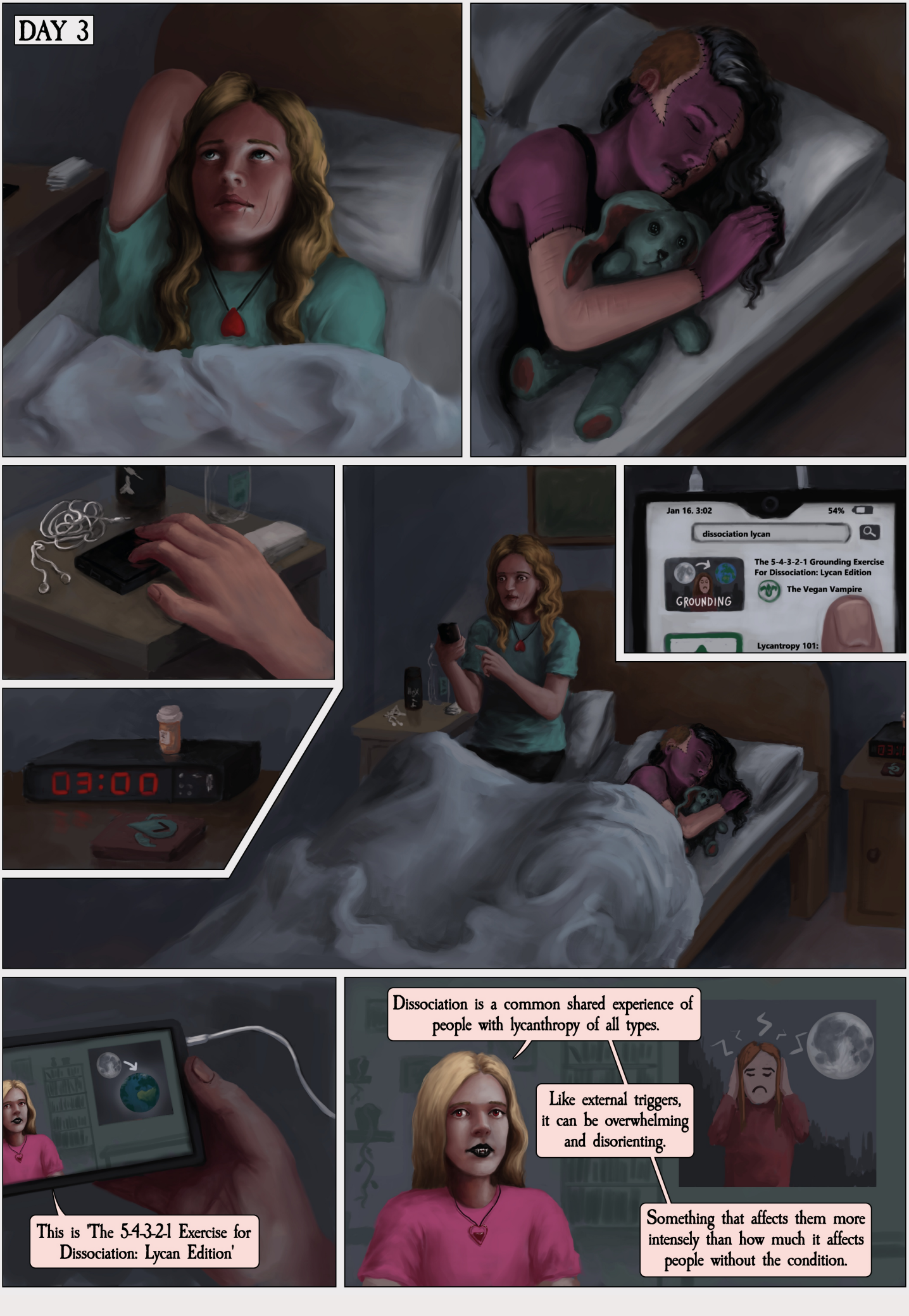
The Sample follows the story of the necklace of Willow the werewolf through a flashback sequence, offering insight into a defining time of their life and personal journey.



Here I'd like to say thank you for everyone who contributed to the creation of this piece by letting me learn about their story and being as a person:

Thank You!

Author's note: This sample is a proof of concept created for a graphics designer course I attended in between October of 2024 and May of 2026. It has not been proof-read by anyone who has English as their native language, but it was a creative decision from me to create this in English.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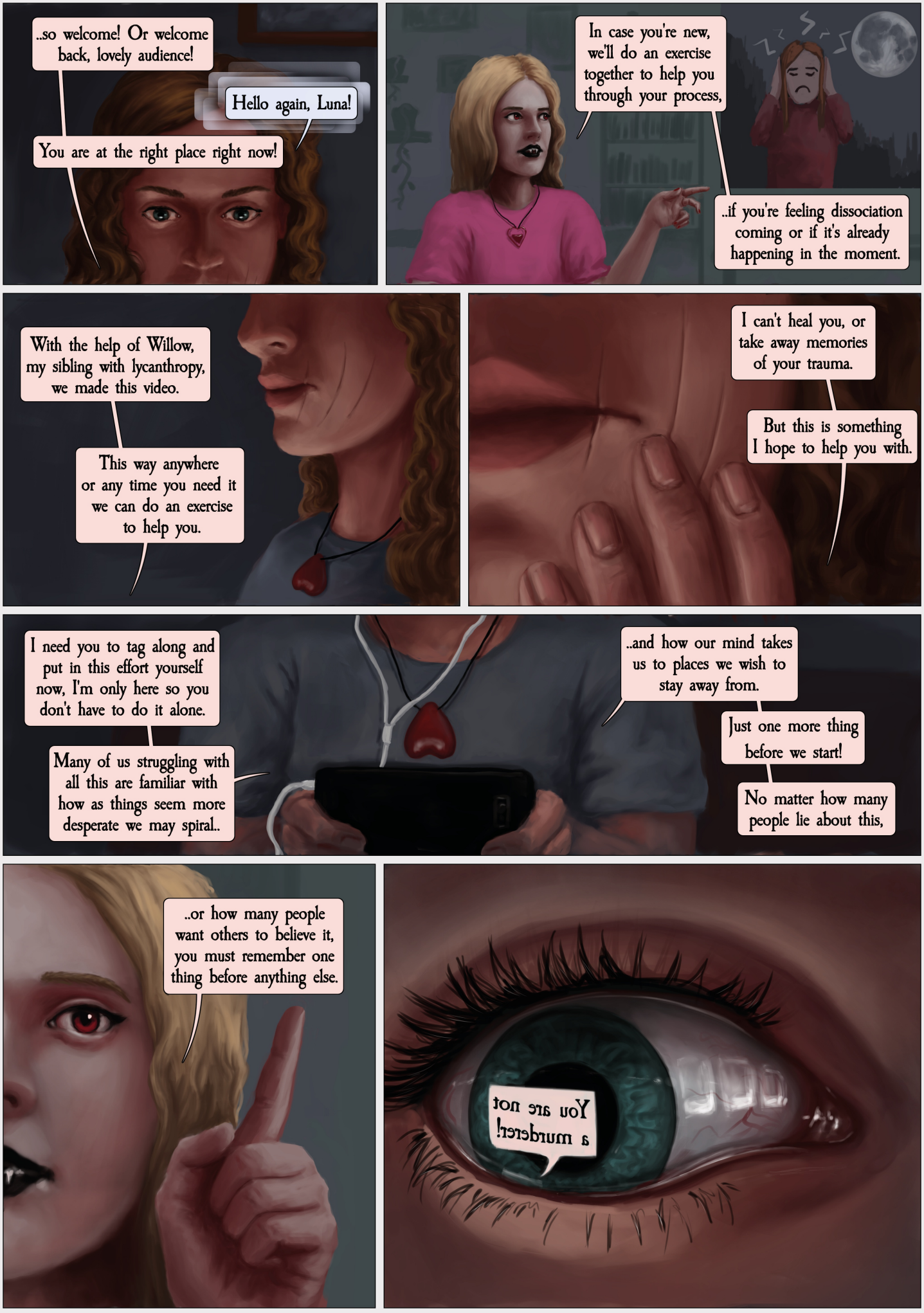
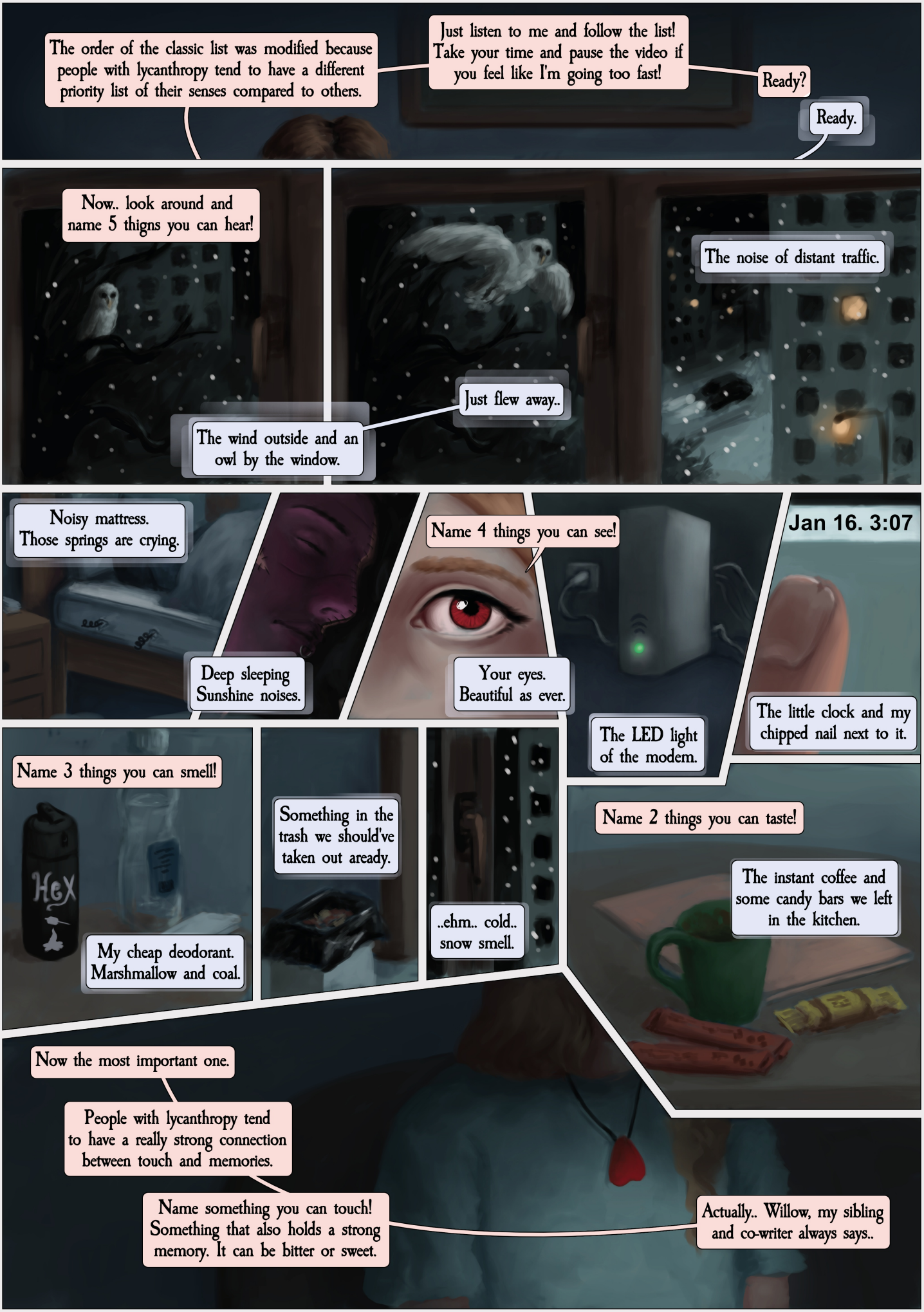
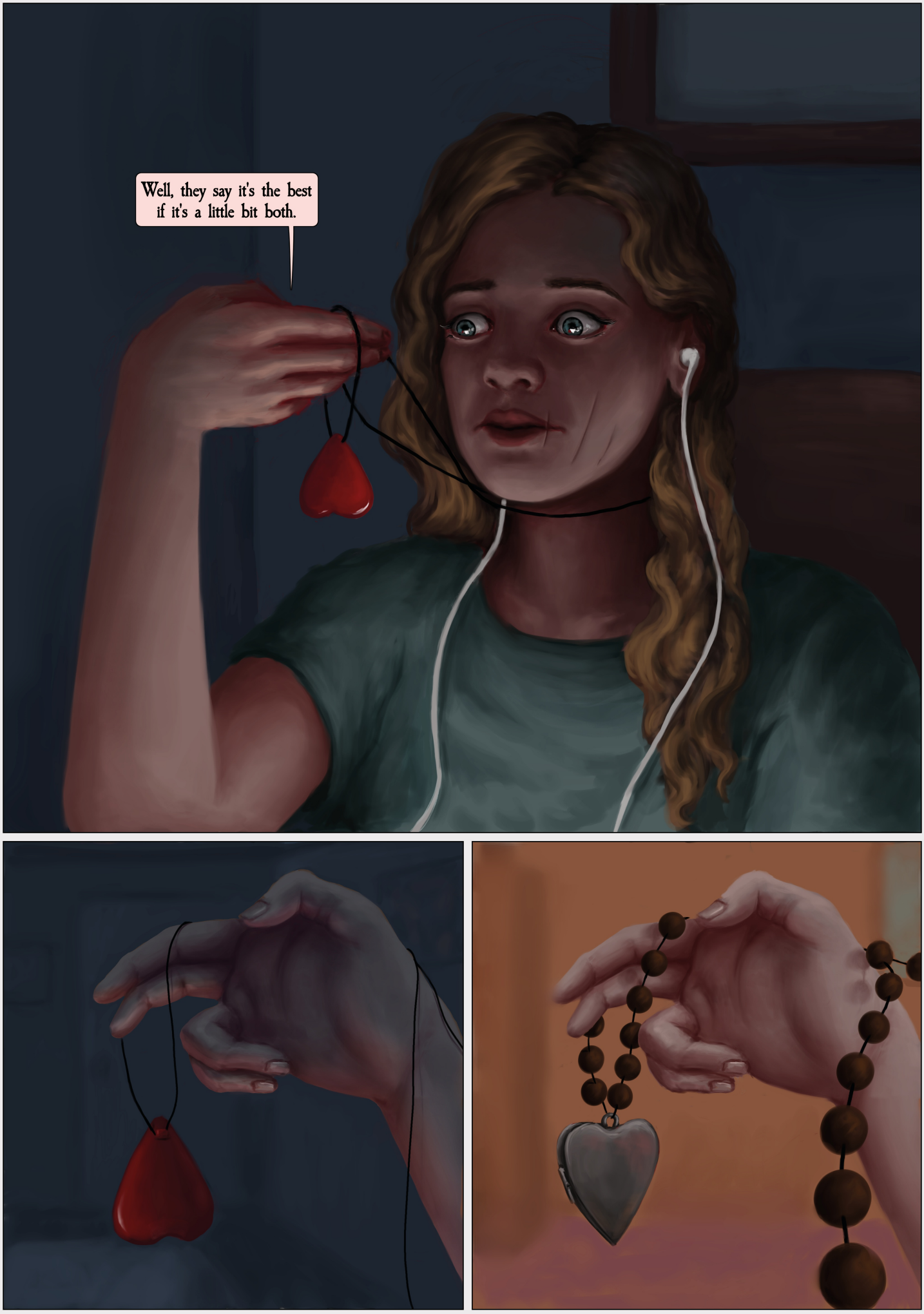
dissociation lycan
The 5-4-3-2-1 Grounding Exercise For Dissociation: Lycan Edition
GROUNDING
The Vegan Vampire
Lycantropy 101:
03:00
This is 'The 5-4-3-2-1 Exercise for Dissociation: Lycan Edition'
Dissociation is a common shared experience of people with lycanthropy of all types.
Like external triggers, it can be overwhelming and disorienting.
Something that affects them more intensely than how much it affects people without the condition.


..so welcome! Or welcome back, lovely audience!
Hello again, Luna!
You are at the right place right now!
In case you're new, we'll do an exercise together to help you through your process,
..if you're feeling dissociation coming or if it's already happening in the moment.
With the help of Willow, my sibling with lycanthropy, we made this video.
This way anywhere or any time you need it we can do an exercise to help you.
I can't heal you, or take away memories of your trauma.
But this is something I hope to help you with.
I need you to tag along and put in this effort yourself now, I'm only here so you don't have to do it alone.
Many of us struggling with all this are familiar with how as things seem more desperate we may spiral..
..and how our mind takes us to places we wish to stay away from.
Just one more thing before we start!
No matter how many people lie about this,
..or how many people want others to believe it, you must remember one thing before anything else.
You are not a murderer!


The order of the classic list was modified because people with lycanthropy tend to have a different priority list of their senses compared to others.
Just listen to me and follow the list! Take your time and pause the video if you feel like I'm going too fast!
Ready?
Ready.
Now.. look around and name 5 thigns you can hear!
The wind outside and an owl by the window.
Just flew away..
The noise of distant traffic.
Noisy mattress. Those springs are crying.
Deep sleeping Sunshine noises.
Name 4 things you can see!
Your eyes. Beautiful as ever.
The LED light of the modem.
Jan 16. 3:07
The little clock and my chipped nail next to it.
Name 3 things you can smell!
My cheap deodorant. Marshmallow and coal.
Something in the trash we should've taken out aready.
..ehm.. cold.. snow smell.
Name 2 things you can taste!
The instant coffee and some candy bars we left in the kitchen.
Now the most important one.
People with lycanthropy tend to have a really strong connection between touch and memories.
Name something you can touch! Something that also holds a strong memory. It can be bitter or sweet.
Actually.. Willow, my sibling and co-writer always says..


Well, they say it's the best if it's a little bit both.

I'll LOVE YOU TO
DEATH
MEMORIES

MEMORIES
MEMORIES

AMATEUR COMEDY NIGHT
RETURNING GUEST: WILLOW RAVENS
.. the other thing people keep asking me about is my necklace.
"Why are you wearing that heart upside down?" They ask.
"Heart?" I say.. "It's not a heart, it's a distraction, a lie, and I leave it up to you to figure out why."
Then they just keep guessing, like this one time someone asked if there's some trauma behind the whole thing..
I said, "Well, if this only makes you think of trama instead of self-reflection, you're far from the answer."
They just looked at me and said, "Okay, you could've just said that it was trauma after all. I get it."
This is an apple
No, that's.. not it, obviously. Actually there's a whole story behind it but it's for another time. I don't feel vile enough today.
AMATEUR COMEDY NIGHT
A story that is totally not made up though however is when I was in that group therapy session for punching that biker once..
..yes, they had a helmet on so I broke two bones in my hand.. anyways that's where I met one of my closest friends..
..so I went in on the first day and there was this kid who looked like someone who really needed a hug, but here's the catch..

Ugh...
Sorry, I stumbled!
All good!
ATTENTION, THE DOORS ARE CLOSING!

PLEASE SCAN YOUR ID CARD HERE TO CHECK IN!
EMPLOYEE NO.
80050822
Name:
Willow
Ravens

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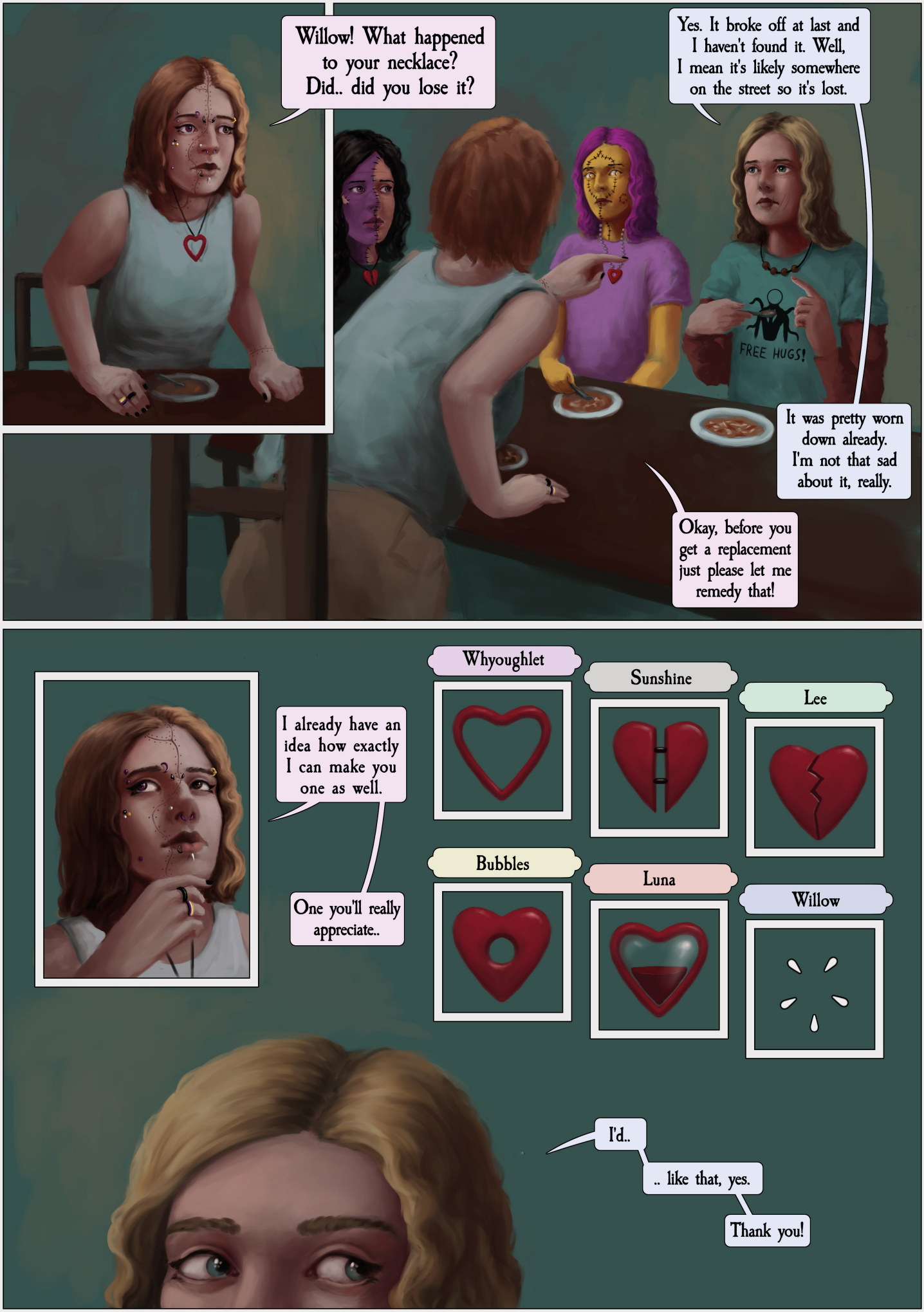
Willow! What happened to your necklace? Did.. did you lose it?
Yes. It broke off at last and I haven't found it. Well, I mean it's likely somewhere on the street so it's lost.
FREE HUGS!
It was pretty worn down already. I'm not that sad about it, really.
Okay, before you get a replacement just please let me remedy that!
I already have an idea how exactly I can make you one as well.
One you'll really appreciate..
Whyoughlet
Sunshine
Lee
Bubbles
Luna
Willow
I'd..
.. like that, yes.
Thank you!

Of course Whyoughlet wants to make you a matching necklace. You're part of our family now.
I... I know.. just..
I'm having a hard time believing they would accept all things about me.
Nobody ever did..
I know that feeling, way too much in fact after my life with my adoptive parents.
The original ones. Before I knew any of you.
But look, you do belong to us now too. Honest.
FREE HUGS!
Before..
I never had anyone..
Not like this, and they all ended the same.
..and I'm afraid..
..that..
We will not abandon each other. That's the one thing I'm certain about.
Besides, Whyoughet loves you all the same, enough to give you a heart as well.
And.. Whyoughlet is not the only one, if you know what I mean..
FREE HUGS!
I... think so.
FREE HUGS!

TH D A Y W I L L
I saw it already. I'm sure you'll like it very much!
Willow, time for your present!
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I...
Don't thank me yet! Just open it!
With this, you're officially part of our family now.
I...
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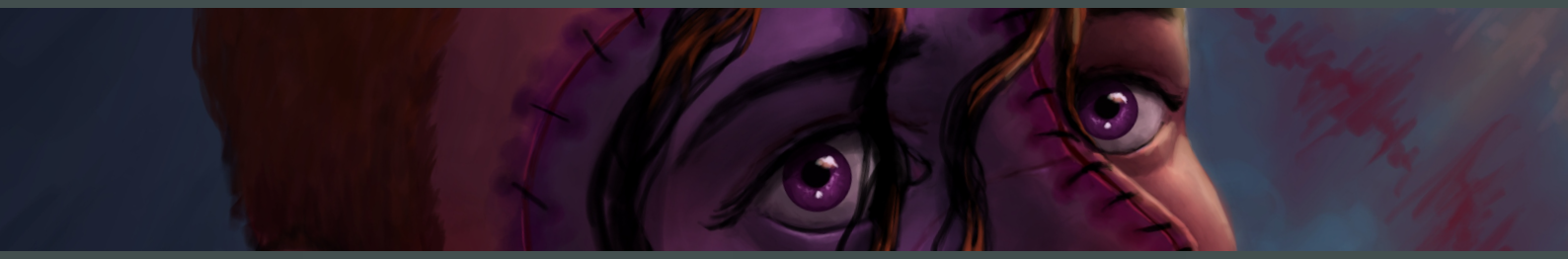
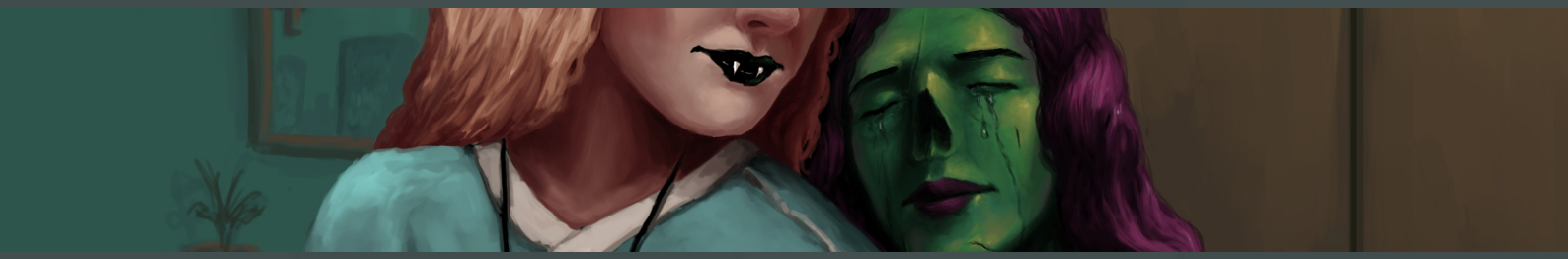
My necklace.



Stitches is a slice-of-life urban fantasy comic with gothic horror elements, focusing on the story of a found family of six non-binary monsters with autism, that was based on the real life experiences of groups pushed to the margins of society, and on the everyday treatment they presented towards them.

In other words: How much familiarity would a vampire, a person in a multiple-decades long dying process caused by an ancient virus, a werewolf showing various symptoms of bipolar personality disorder, and an orphaned Frankensteinian monster and survivor of severe mental illnesses feel towards each other when they are treated only with a hostile level of apathy by the world around them in the best case?



In loving memory
Lázár János
1970-2025

Author's note:

Even though the 13-page sample tells a story within a story, the main events in 'Stitches: Chapter I' are a highly fictionalized retelling of the events of the weeks following my father's passing.

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The characters and events of the story are all fictional. Any resemblance to real people and events are are conincidental. Note by Sunshine H. : Willow told me to write something funny here because nobody will ever read this but I didn't.

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